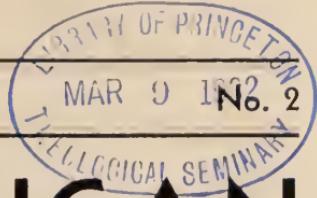


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Merci

Bright are the days which bring contributions to the desk of a spring feverish editor. February had a sparkle all its own in the number of articles submitted for appearance in this issue.

This scribe pauses here at the threshold of the magazine to voice his thanks to those who have lightened his task and, in like measure, have edified the readers of the RECORD.

Specifically and alphabetically, mention is made of only a few.

The short but significant article "Harmony in Music and Life" was

written by Madame Pierre Bühlmann, formerly of Rochester, N. Y., and, until her marriage, an active leader among Episcopal young people's societies in the United States. Madame Bühlmann knows McAll "au fond" and is one of its most ardent friends.

To Mrs. James C. Colgate we are indebted for the letter which was read to the members of the New York City Auxiliary at a recent meeting. In passing, it may be said that the inspiration of that letter was Mrs. Seth Birmingham, of New York, a fervent McAllite, herself of French origin, and a cousin of Dr. Monod.

Mrs. William J. Dean, of St. Paul, betrayed editorial insight in sending a letter written by Bishop Whipple of Minnesota only two years after the organization of the American McAll Association.

Again Miss Irene H. Mix has tapped her trusty typewriter in behalf of the youth movement in the Association. In the variety of exposition through editorial comment and the presentation of interesting letters from a number of sources, the pages devoted to the topic of "Values" bristle with eloquent reasons for a wider recognition of the younger element in the future of McAll.

Unsung and unheralded are they in the Paris office and in the Auxiliaries who untiringly transmit reports and items to the Philadelphia office in order that the magazine may be newsy and faithful to its policy of keeping pace with the progress of the Mission Populaire and of the American McAll Association.

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IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

TO THE AUXILIARIES OF THE
AMERICAN McALL ASSOCIATION

By decision of the Board of Directors, a change of plans, due to exceptional circumstances, has been made in the Forty-ninth ANNUAL MEETING of the American McAll Association.

- ¶ The Association will convene in NEW YORK CITY for ONE DAY ONLY, Thursday, April 28, in place of the two-day session announced in the January Record.
- ¶ Delegates to the Annual Meeting are asked to defray their expenses while in attendance.
- ¶ Riverside Church (Riverside Drive at 122nd Street) offers the hospitality of its new home for the three sessions of the day.
- ¶ Reverend Harry Emerson Fosdick, D.D., pastor of the church, has consented to address the evening meeting.
- ¶ Full information about convenient and very reasonable hotel accommodations will be furnished to all delegates who desire to remain in New York. Those who prefer to do so may stay near Riverside Church. Attractive rates have been obtained from other hotels farther downtown.

Chairman of Hospitality
MISS M. E. ROSS,
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Bible House,
5 East 48th Street

Committee on Arrangements
MRS. ALBERT H. CHADBOURNE
MISS SUSAN S. BOICE
MR. REGINALD S. McALL

A Letter to the American McAll Association

By REV. WILFRED MONOD

Dr. Wilfred Monod is pastor at the Oratoire du Louvre and professor in the Faculty of Liberal Protestant Theology, Paris; founder and honorary president of the National Union of Protestant Churches; head of the French section of the World Alliance for International Friendship through the Churches, and one of its vice-presidents; member of the executive committee of the Oecumenical Council of practical Christianity and one of the vice-presidents of the continental group constituted by the World Conference, Stockholm; member of the governing board elected by the Lausanne Oecumenical Conference, etc., etc.

This great Protestant is generally acknowledged as an outstanding leader of Christian idealism in France and the world today.

6, Square Port Royal,
Paris, December 10, 1931.

Dear Friends,

I know you will gladly permit a Frenchman to send a message of greeting to the American friends of evangelization in France.

Of all the ideals capable of firing our courageous ambitions here below, the most sublime and at the same time the most tragic, remains this one: to put in order the terrestrial globe, ornament it with beauty, health and joy; banish misery, hunger, epidemics, war; prepare our world to become the instrument, ever more supple, of the Divine Thought; to enlarge the soul itself, imbue it with justice, love and truth. In short, offer ourselves to God for the granting of the supreme prayer, "Thy Kingdom come."

Every Christian who rightly understands himself aspires to act as an evangelist. Good and generous Charles

Wagner, a pastor and also a great teacher, who was invited to the United States by President Roosevelt, said, "To evangelize is to broaden, purify, brighten." So to evangelize France is a magnificent enterprise. In times past, the messengers of the Gospel in India, China and Japan imagined that, in order to interest the Church in their apostolic activity, it was necessary to paint the Asiatic religions in the most repellent and tragic colors. In the great Missionary Conference at Jerusalem in 1928, the pioneers of mission work approved a new method; that of recognizing in pagan religions the elements of truth which, in spite of many errors and moral stains, merit our sympathy and respect. All the more should we employ such means for the evangelization of France. Certainly she suffers from superstition, alcoholism, sensuality, irreligion. What country is entirely exempt? It is equally

true that she possesses fine intellectual and moral qualities; courage to work, foresight coupled with enthusiasm, and an inborn sense of the oneness of mankind. Thus, not only for her vices, but also for her virtues, she deserves that we aid her to seize the Gospel, for her example is echoed far and wide.

France a Center of Influence

Consider her geographical position: She is the sculptured figure at the prow of the immense Asiatic-European vessel. On one side her sea-coast faces toward northern civilization: Great Britain, Holland and the Scandinavian countries; on the west she looks towards the Americas; on the south towards Africa and the Far East. One might also compare her to a nest at the summit of the international tree, from which, at times, ideas, gliding and singing, take their flight. Because of this exceptional situation and by the very logic of her destiny, France has become a center of radioactive influence.

Now this privileged land is, officially, atheist. I say officially, for in reality customs very often conflict with laws in this domain. Free thought, for example, has become much less aggressive, and among a Catholic *élite* there has been an awakening of deep spirituality. It should also be noted that the government of the Republic is, professedly, merely "secular"; now the notion of "secularity" may take on a sublime grandeur. For instance, in 1914, when the World War began, the French government had the intellectual

and moral courage not to throw God into the balance. It refused to nationalize the Eternal by ordering public prayers. At a moment when all the belligerents were invoking the divinity with solemn imprecations, France forbore to "take His name in vain." Unique example in the annals of human warfare, memorable date in the history of ideas on our planet.

Nevertheless, in France, governmental "secularity" and the forbidding of all religious teaching in the schools, which at first meant a protest against the oppression of consciences and against clericalism, have gradually taken on the form of religious negation. With terrible sincerity the builders of a godless state pretended to organize a godless society as well. It is the case of the house built on the sand, threatened with great ruin, whose fall would surely rock to their base many other nations.

Encouragement Urged

We urge you, therefore, to encourage French Protestants, disciples of Calvin, of Luther, descendants of Huguenot martyrs, heirs of an heroic Church, persecuted through centuries. Every Protestant has found in the Gospel a redeeming message which permits the sons of the Reformation to be Christians without recourse to the Pope, and to think freely without being "free thinkers." You are well acquainted with that ideal in the United States. French Protestants are, therefore, pre-destined to serve as conciliating agents between clerical and anti-clerical France,—two elements which

the religious question sometimes engages in a deadly duel.

The first task, urgent and pathetic, for French Protestants is to disseminate the Bible, still neglected by our people. Help our evangelists in this field; sustain the pioneers of the great news, obscure apostles who announce the glad message in country and city, who face audiences of "free thinkers" and revolutionaries; who anchor near a village their "floating lecture hall," a

new kind of house-boat which follows the course of our rivers and canals, piloted by a McAll missionary.

I am gratefully aware, my unknown friends, of what you are already accomplishing. May you be greatly blessed for it. But in the critical hours which approach in Europe, with rumors of civil war and revolution, your task takes on an urgent and poignant significance. May the Holy Spirit inspire you!



Mlle. Sylvie Gardiol, now in retirement after 33 years of Mission service. First assigned to the hall of rue Rivoli, she was transferred, in 1900, to the station of rue Tandou in the Villette quarter of Paris. On January 3, 1932, surrounded by many friends, Mlle. Gardiol bade farewell to the work she loved and served with consummate Christian ardor.

A Voice from the Past

The Mission Populaire Forty-seven Years Ago

By THE RIGHT REVEREND H. B. WHIPPLE, D.D.

THE following excerpts are taken from a letter written in 1885 by the Right Reverend H. B. Whipple, D.D., then Bishop of Minnesota, famous for his work for American Indians. Written 47 years ago by a close student of spiritual values after one of his visits to Europe, this fervid epistle mirrors present conditions in France with remarkable fidelity. The copy is in the handwriting of a granddaughter of Bishop Whipple and was submitted by Mrs. William J. Dean, president of the St. Paul Auxiliary.

Maitland, Florida,
December 22, 1885.

Our country owes a debt of gratitude to France. . . .

I had heard of Mr. McAll as one whose heart had been touched with divine love for these wandering souls, away from home and church.

My first visit was to Salle New York, the Rue de Rivoli station. It was a cold, stormy December night. The hall was on the main street, on the ground floor. . . . They were mostly men in blouses and women in peasant's dress, a few soldiers and shopkeepers, a few of the wealthier class.

I was permitted to speak to these hungering ones, and never has my heart been more deeply moved by that electric bond of sympathy which melts all hearts as one. It was my privi-

lege to attend a different station nearly every night I was in Paris. I visited the schools of the Mission. They meet on week-days after the public schools have closed, and I was surprised to find 150 children when most children would have been at play.

I have been asked my opinion as to the future of the McAll Mission. I do not know and dare not prophesy. It must be remembered that nearly all of these men have been baptized. They wear the cross on their foreheads, and deny Christ in their hearts. They have forsaken their old faith. Their life of poverty and hardship has made them communists. They hate the social and civil bonds which meant for them suffering and poverty. Some gospel they will have—either the "*Fraternité, Liberté et Égalité*" of red republicanism, or the Gospel which makes all men children of one Father in heaven. Mr. McAll is no agitator, no founder of a sect, no iconoclast. He and those working with him are preaching Jesus and the resurrection to men who have lost faith. God has rewarded them.

I heard on all sides many stories of those who had been led out of the bondage of sin into the liberty of the sons of God. It must have been a colder heart than mine which did not bid Godspeed to such a work. The work Mr. McAll is doing, humanly

speaking, will be done by no one else. The old French Huguenot Church, the French Evangelical Church, the Church of England, the Church of the United States, the old Catholic Church, the Roman Catholic Church, cannot do it. It requires such an evangelistic movement, a going down into the lanes and alleys to seek out the sinful, and compel them to come.

I can only say in conclusion that I rejoice with you and all Christian workers in these blessed signs of the coming of the kingdom of our Lord. While I love more and more the dear Church which I gladly own as my Mother, I rejoice from my heart that Christ is preached; and I can pray and wait and hope until every wall of separation is broken down, and our Lord's prayer that they may all be one is fully answered.

With much love,

Your friend and brother,

H. B. WHIPPLE.



Last-Minute News

With deep regret the Record announces the passing, February 18, of Miss Fannie Childs, a pioneer of the Washington Auxiliary.

A member of that group since 1881, Miss Childs gave 51 years of absorbing interest and genuine devotion to the cause of the Mission.

The American McAll Association, mindful of the rare spiritual qualities of this gentle soul, extends its deepest sympathy to Miss Helen Childs and the many friends who mourn the loss of a radiant exponent of Christian love and service.



REVEREND HENRI GUEX
President, *La Mission Populaire
Evangelique de France*

No stranger to the American McAll Association is Rev. Guex, who has been identified with the Mission since 1913 when he succeeded Mons. Beigbeder as Director. In 1927 he retired from that office in favor of Mons. E. Chastand. Elected to the membership of the Comité Directeur in 1927, Rev. Guex has given unstintingly of time and counsel until January, 1932, when he accepted the presidency, again succeeding Mons. Beigbeder.

A HINT

When you have read the next page—reach for your purse.

APPRECIATION

YEAR after year, since 1883, in lean times and fat ones, the American McAll Record has entered thousands of homes with its stories, messages and pictures to mirror the march of American influence in a unique Christian undertaking.

This modest little magazine yields no profit. Indeed, it is an expense to the National Board which charges the annual loss to publicity.

The Record has never asked anything of its subscribers for itself save the small yearly subscription fee.

Today, however, it knocks at the door of your heart in search of a small reward of appreciation for its faithful service to McAll.

The Mission Populaire is in direct need of funds. In January of this year its deficit amounted to \$28,000. That burden MUST be eased if the work of salvation is to live and flourish.

The Record wishes to have a share in the relief of this tragic situation and, to that end, it inauguates for THIS MONTH ONLY

THE VOLUME FIFTY APPRECIATION FUND OF THE AMERICAN McALL RECORD

Nothing could be simpler. If you like the Record and all that it has stood for in the past 49 years, take a piece of paper, and write your name and address on it. Then wrap the paper around a dollar bill (more if you wish) and mail it to the American McAll Record, 1700 Sansom Street, Philadelphia, Pa. This is not a subscription for the magazine. Will you do this TODAY for the Record? The Appreciation Fund will be closed March 31, 1932.

Mission Changes

VACANCIES in the membership of the Board of Directors of the Mission Populaire have been filled by the election of three new members: Miss Marion M. Greenough, succeeding Miss Jessie Patterson, late chairman of the Paris Auxiliary; Reverend Daniel Monod, pastor of the Church of the Holy Spirit, Paris; Mons. Henri Guibal, General Secretary of the Foyers du Soldat.

The Mission Board has signalled the long and faithful services of Mons. O. Beigbeder, its past president, by bestowing upon him the title of Honorary President. In a similar spirit, Rev. H. Bonifas joins the ranks of Honorary Vice-Presidents. Rev. L. Russier has assumed active duty as one of the vice-presidents.

Two devoted servants of the Master have passed into retirement. Mlle. Sylvie Gardiol, one year before the anticipated date, reluctantly left the Mission, December 31, after 33 years of service in Salle Rivoli and in the busy quarter of La Villette, both in Paris. Mlle. A. Martin, with 22 years of sacrificial labor in Marseilles to her credit, has retired for reasons of health.

The hall in the rue Tandou, Paris, served by Mlle. Gardiol since 1900, and for the past few months by Mlle. Prévost Brouillet, is to be closed. A similar retrogression in the Mission's activities will affect, April 1, the hall in the rue Bernard, Marseilles.

To Mlle. Prévost Brouillet has been confided the hall of St. Ouen (the Chapel of the Afflicted) with the in-

tention of organizing an extensive program in that needy section.



Harmony in Music and Life

By MADAME PIERRE BÜHLMANN

IN THE long winter evenings when the French are apt to congregate in cafés, the Mission makes a real effort to gather families together to enjoy an interesting program which provides both entertainment and instruction.

In a series of talks on musical geniuses, Mons. LeGoff, director of the Arcueil station, spoke recently of the career of Jean Philippe Rameau, a French composer of the early eighteenth century. The mission audience, composed of those who are daily faced with material difficulties, listened with understanding to the struggles which Rameau had to meet and overcome before he made his great contribution to the founding of the science of harmony in music.

To accompany Mons. LeGoff's talk, friends of McAll played piano and violin selections which illustrated the genius of this master in a clear and characteristic way. Men, women and children who left the hall that night took with them that which makes for harmony in daily living,—the consciousness that life is sometimes difficult but that every individual has some contribution to make; the knowledge that some one else had done in his way what they might do in theirs; and finally, the realization of the fact that the Mission has not only interest but faith in them.

Values

Among the Young People of McAll

Edited by IRENE H. MIX, Hartford, Conn.

VALUES, as we propose to consider them, are not mere appraisals in dollars and figures, but rather the utility, importance and worth of acts and deeds and their effect on others. The Lenten season, with its days of prayer and meditation, affords a time for retrospection, self-analysis and an accounting of values,—the value of what we have done for or given to others and what we might have done or given. Have we accomplished all that was possible? Have we served our fellowmen with all the diligence and love we could command? Have we shared unstintingly our worldly possessions? If we find we haven't measured up to our own estimate of values, we can not hope to satisfy that of others.

But Easter, significant of new life, and Spring, indicative of growth, will buoy us up with hope for better things and the promise of fresh attainments. Spring personifies youth and rejuvenates age. It can not fail to inspire us to put forth new energy, conjure up new ideas and pledge new efforts. If there is disappointment in past accomplishments, let us supplant it with determination to excel in future achievements.

Let each of us give evidence of real courage, faith, hope and a desire to do more to promote the growth and work of McAll than we have ever done

before. That attitude will stimulate us to efforts that will arouse interest in McAll here in America and give confidence to its representatives in France.

The Value of International Friendship

"A century ago our American importing merchants considered a nation friendly if they could trade freely with its people. International friendship was based almost wholly on a commercial plane. Further intercourse with foreign peoples for the purpose of understanding or appreciating them was scarcely thought of. Missionaries might try to Christianize them, but that was all.

"But how different it is today! The modern steamship, automobile, air-plane, telegraph and telephone are mighty cords, binding the nations together into one large family, so that what affects one member of it affects all the other members, for good or for evil. One has only to cite the baneful influences of the World War to illustrate the truth of this statement.

"What, then, are the values of international friendship? Certainly not merely in the opportunities for unrestricted trading, desirable as those may be. We are seeking to serve other peoples with something besides our latest inventions and discoveries. We are seeking to give them certain principles and ideals which we believe may be a blessing to them—justice toward and sympathy with weak nations, co-operation and fair play with strong nations, and integrity of conduct toward all. Such an attitude is bound to have beneficial reactions. As we understand the viewpoint, for instance, of the Orientalist, we shall gain a profound sense of the value of reflection, meditation, sacrifice and prayer,

or, in other words, the value of simple living. We shall find that they have much to contribute to our civilization while we, in turn, can contribute much to them. In such ways progress of the spirit, in the things of enduring value, will be made by all the nations of the earth and the reign of righteousness will begin."

E. STANLEY WELLES,
Newington, Connecticut.

The Value of Service

"May I, an old worker with the youth of McAll, send an Easter message to you? McAll needs you, as never before, for promoting its work. Are you ready and willing to do your share?

"When I lived in Hartford, I was the organizer and first president of the young people's group there. Then, a year ago, due to the inspiration of Miss Elizabeth Congdon, our Associate Field Representative, who came to my home to speak to a group of friends, I organized the Detroit Auxiliary. They were charmed with her presentation of the Mission's work, and an earnest, enthusiastic group of workers pledged their support.

"In these past two years, trouble and sorrow, in one way or another, have come to us all, and we realize more than ever before that beauty and joy are found in service. In this complex life we must co-operate. We must become socially-minded, internationally-minded, or we fall. We must teach not only our own children but the children of the world mutual understanding, mutual tolerance and co-operation in their attitude towards each other to help insure peace in the future.

"Can not we all, this coming year, pledge ourselves to a bigger and better and finer work for McAll,—our way of promoting international friendship and understanding? And at the end of the year we can truthfully say, 'We have tried our best.'"

HELEN SHEFFIELD HONYWILL,
Detroit, Michigan.

The Value of Missions

"Everyone in these days is interested in values. The great question is, 'What are the values in life; what are the *chief* values in life?' Because many people have spent their money for that which satisfieth not, and many have discovered that realities, which they thought were most desirable, are, after all, most negligible in value, they are asking these questions.

"Especially do young people ask, 'What are the great values in life?', because they are beginning their life, their careers, their adventures and their glory of human life. They also ask, 'What are the treasures which neither moth nor rust doth corrupt and which thieves can not steal?'

"One of these supreme values is found in Christian missions. Christian missions are the efforts of Christian people to unite the two great commandments of Jesus,—the love of God and the love of man. Whatever vision of God we have, we gladly give as our greatest treasure to our brother man, and inasmuch as we do it unto our brother man, we do it unto God.

"The McAll Mission is a noble, generous, gracious effort to take the Gospel, the good news of Jesus Christ, in all the simplicity and spiritual purity of the Evangel, to the people of France. This Evangelical Mission deserves your hearty, humble and sincere support."

REV. WARREN S. ARCHIBALD,
*Pastor of the South Congregational
Church, Hartford, Conn.*

The Value of the Annual Meetings of McAll

To the many young people who have attended our Annual Meetings, it is unnecessary to mention all that may be derived from them. They know how inspiring, helpful and entertaining such gatherings have always been. Good speakers, an exchange of ideas and suggestions, sociable hours, and new friendships all tend to make the

conference well worth the time given to it. It is hoped, with New York as the focal point this year, there will be a large representation from all the young people's groups.

The Value of Reciprocal Relations

Through the efforts of the young people's group in Flushing, it was possible to give a much needed vacation last summer to two girls from Paris. They were sent to Gérardmer, one of the Mission's most attractive vacation colonies. It is beautifully situated on the pine-covered slope of a mountain in the Vosges, just above a lovely little

lake where the girls may bathe and row boats. The house, which accommodates about thirty, is a typical Vosges mountain farm house with a long, low roof. What it meant to these girls to find rest and care in such a place is found in the letter which appears below. It is hoped that other young people's Auxiliaries will follow the example set by Flushing and serve McAll in a like manner this coming summer.

Neuville Saint Amand.

My dear Friend,

We were so happy at the vacation colony that we must write and thank you for all the good we derived there.



Buffalo Student McAll Group

From left to right: Christine Hartburg, treasurer; Jean Strasmer, Ruth Norton, Margaret Strasmer, president; Mrs. John F. Beckert, organizer and chairman; Helen Wortman, Evelyn Winter, Margaret Norton, Henrietta Boldt, secretary.

There was everything to make one happy. We were looked after so devotedly, counseled so affectionately and there were so many ways of amusing oneself.

Every morning Mlle. Prévost Brouillet read from the Bible, spoke of our Lord Jesus and taught us how to pray and lead better lives. We sang beautiful hymns, too.

After Bible class there were gym exercises on the grounds, then games. From 11 to 12 A. M. there were study and instruction followed by luncheon. After luncheon we rested for an hour or so and then romped in the fields, knit or sewed or helped in the kitchen. Sometimes we took walks in the neighboring woods, picked blackberries or chased butterflies, which was great fun.

At seven a good supper of soup, vegetables, and for dessert rice with milk or cream, which was delicious. At eight o'clock we went to bed. As we said our prayer, with hands folded, eyes closed and heads bowed, there was deep silence and soon the merry group was sound asleep.

I thank you very much for giving me all this, and believe me, dear friend,

Yours very sincerely,
CLAUDETTE VELLY.

The young people of the Hartford Auxiliary furnished a dormitory in Coqueréaumont and Mlle. Jeanne Merle d'Aubigné sent an acknowledgment that was so gratifying and appreciative that it may be of interest to others who like to have their McAll funds go for some specific need.

"The dormitory which your group furnished is situated on the first floor of the chateau and has the two middle windows opening on the balcony. Each group of children occupying the dormitory is in charge of a monitor or leader. These leaders are generally students or young women of leisure who give their time to the colony. They sleep in a little room next to their charges, take them for walks, play games with them and try to have an

influence on the children that will make a lasting impression after their stay with us.

"These children come from different localities from Paris or from industrial towns in the North of France. They are generally from very miserable surroundings, but the fresh air, good food, regular habits of living, exercise and wholesome diversion with discipline and daily Christian instruction, work marvels in these children. Some of them have gained from four to eight pounds during their six weeks' visit here and many show in their whole attitude that they have profited morally and spiritually.

"The Paris Committee wishes you to know how grateful we are for the efforts you are making to help us. It is, we feel, unique and a wonderful proof of Christian solidarity to have this link between our two countries and I believe it makes, and will continue to make, for good understanding between the two nations and promote peaceful relations between our peoples."

Yours sincerely,
JEANNE MERLE D'AUBIGNÉ.

The Value of Co-operation

Up to February 8 the Buffalo Junior group has had two open meetings, two managers' meetings and four sewing meetings.

In January a joint meeting was held with the Senior group in celebration of "The Founders' Birthday Tea." Long rustling skirts of the '70's were much in evidence and the event, marked with enthusiasm and good fellowship, was a picturesque portrayal of a tea of sixty years ago.

At an open meeting of the Juniors in November Miss Elizabeth Congdon brought a vital message of the needs of La Mission Populaire and gave us a wider outlook of the work.

Mrs. Norris Jamison, chairman of the Board of Managers, entertained them at a tea at her home on January 13. A discussion was held in regard to the problems of obtaining new members and collecting

dues. A constructive program, which will include a presentation of the history of McAll and up-to-date reports of its various activities, was planned. A paper will be read at each meeting by one of the Managers or a member of the Executive Board, followed by informal discussion, and it is hoped this will increase our knowledge of and enthusiasm for the work.

We have raised our money this year by means of "vanishing luncheons" and of the financial results a more complete report will be given later. The luncheons have been kept as simple as possible and the informality of meeting in small groups has afforded an opportunity of becoming better acquainted with each other.

There is a splendid spirit in our Auxiliary in spite of the pinch of economy which we all feel. Discussion of "depression" has been eliminated from our meetings. We have had good attendance and have added seven new members to our list.

FRANCES E. BLISS,
President, Buffalo Junior McAll.



Sew? Just So

MRS. HARRY C. KLINE, of Buffalo, recently appointed National Chairman of Sewing by the National Board, explains her duties thus:

"As Chairman of Sewing I am prepared to send garments cut and ready for assembly to any group which wishes to contribute time and a little skill. The garments are simple and easily made.

"Materials are bought at wholesale and a bill is sent with each shipment with postage added.

"Sewing meetings stimulate interest and good fellowship. May I help you in making a start in this McAll feature? My address is 190 Huntington Avenue, Buffalo, N. Y."

Lest confusion arise, it is pointed out that Mrs. Kline is concerned *only* with the provision of materials and advice concerning the making of garments. The *completed* articles should be sent to the Chairman of the Relief Committee, Mrs. David M. Miller, 1037 E. Jersey Street, Elizabeth, N. J. The next shipment to France is scheduled for April. Everything intended for that shipment must be at the Elizabeth address not later than April 15.



NEMOURS

With no budget allowance for Christmas this year, we were unable to offer all the usual gifts to the adults, for we had to reserve as many as possible for the children. In general, however, the grown-ups accepted this sacrifice with good will.

By appealing to generous friends for gifts, we were able to provide each boy and girl with a present which, though less elaborate than those of former years, gave just as much happiness. A little boy, for example, seeing his toy wrapped in two handkerchiefs, cried, "Hurrah! Just when I had no more handkerchiefs!"

Some of the older children received books instead of toys. Only today, in the course of a walk, several talked enthusiastically about their books, and gave me synopses of their contents. In school we are going to have these children tell what they have read in their Christmas books. This will benefit all.

ARNOLD MALAN,

A Christmas Miracle

By E. CHASTAND, Director General of the Mission Populaire

In November I was very sorry to have to send the following message to our personnel: "This year we are unable to give little if anything for your Christmas. Our American friends who usually send funds for this purpose have so much distress to alleviate at home that in spite of their love for the Mission they cannot do as much as they would like. Each one, therefore, must use his ingenuity to surmount the difficulties."

Our workers were much disappointed, for there are so many children under our care who have no other pleasure at Christmas than that which the Mission gives them. Many understand the Great Light only through the candle light of the Christmas tree.

We are happy to tell you that, with God's blessing, all our children and our old mothers beheld a shining fir tree and received their usual gifts. We know that you will rejoice to hear this, dear friends in America, for your hearts were with us at Christmas.

I must tell you about the Christmas miracle!

Like the disciples, we were confronted with a famished multitude, with only seven loaves and two fishes. But, like the Savior, we raised our eyes toward heaven and the miracle was accomplished.

"No money!" When Mlle. Maigne heard this she did not dare ask her

children to rehearse "My Beautiful Fir Tree." Yet she did have a tree, for a young workman, one of her converts, payed for half of it himself!

At Arcueil the sad news was received with consternation. However, those who had heretofore celebrated a communistic Christmas now desired a Christian "Noël." Accordingly, a former communist contributed 400 francs and others followed his example. "We must speak not only of the birth of the Savior, but of His whole life," a newly converted Christian declared.

The members of La Bienvenue organized an entertainment for which admission was charged in order to raise the necessary funds for the tree. Five hundred francs were obtained in this way.

At Rouen a railroad employé gave 150 francs to M. Lafon, a collection box was filled with modest contributions, and friends gave their aid. Again paralleling the miracle related in the Gospel, after each child had been given a present, some gifts still remained. These toys and oranges were sent to an institution for abnormal children.

Oranges were also sent to children's asylums in Marseilles.

At the Zone, Christmas was a real triumph! A stranger, in addition to lending a large shelter for the "fête de Noël" had electric lights installed and contributed 50 francs for the tree.

One hundred and fifty garments and as many toys and oranges were distributed on that occasion.

The Mission gave only 6,000 francs instead of the usual 21,000 francs for the Christmas celebrations. Nantes and St. Etienne were favored by contributions from Morristown and Brooklyn.

You can see that a real miracle was accomplished. To be sure the gifts were, in general, less elaborate than usual, but this year the celebration of Christmas in the Mission was successful because of spiritual riches.



ALFORTVILLE

We prepared for our 1931 Christmas with grave misgivings.

When asked to choose between a lighted tree and presents for the children, I did not hesitate, for so many of our boys and girls are given nothing at home. Moreover, those attending our meetings regularly expected something, and they should not be disappointed.

When I informed my assistant, Mme. Leblanc, and the young people who usually prepare the tree, that we were not going to have a tree this year, consternation was general. We could not picture the fête without this ornament, and finally we decided to procure a small tree.

At length everything was arranged. Our director sent us a sum which he called an "act of faith." Other small contributions were added, and oranges and cakes were supplied for the children.

One of my boys, after an unsuccessful attempt to procure a tree from the steward of a château, went with me to the flower market where trees of all sizes are sold each year. We found a tree suited to our purpose, and while the branches were being tied, the boy quietly laid down half of the price I was to pay. I was troubled at first, for I knew this contribution meant a sacrifice, but I accepted it.

When he had shouldered the tree and we were walking toward the tram I said, "My friend, this is the first time that the person carrying the tree for me has payed for it as well."

"I didn't pay for it."

"Yes, you did, and I thank you. You know I feared I should not be able to get it."

"Well, I made up my mind you should have the tree no matter what the cost."

On the tram we were allowed to place the tree on the back platform. At the bridge of Alfortville I jumped off quickly, but the boy did not notice that we had reached our destination, and he was astonished to hear me say, "Hurry, this gentleman will pass me the tree." Afterward I realized what had happened. Some one, by asking what we were going to do with the tree, gave him an opportunity to evangelize the three passengers on the rear platform.

As this tree was decorated and illuminated, it seemed to me more beautiful than ever, and yet it was only half the usual size.

At the fête, after the children re-

cited verses on the Savior's birth, we had the pleasure of hearing M. Chastand, and then M. Eliet and M. Jaquet, who related very interesting stories.

We lit the tree again on Sunday, December 27, for a few friends. M. Ottoman presided, and he had so many stories to tell the audience that our little candles burned out before the end of this pleasant afternoon.

I was talking to the mother of some children we have known for a long time. In order to find out what would give them the most pleasure, I said, "Do your children still leave their shoes at the fireplace on Christmas Eve?" "No," was the reply, "since last year they have not believed in Santa Claus. I was obliged to tell them that it is the parents who give the toys, for I was unable to buy anything, and yet I didn't want them to think that they were being neglected or punished."

For reasons such as this I take pleasure in preparing the tree for the children on Christmas Eve. As I watched the boys and girls I knew that some would receive nothing at home and would not expect anything, and I was glad to be able to give them a little joy.

J. MAIGNE.

ARCUEIL

Christmas at Arcueil this year was more than ever a religious celebration, anticipated eagerly by the children and appreciated by many of their parents. We sensed a better understanding and a more genuine interest among both

young people and adults.

For the children Christmas is no longer merely the fête, or as an eight-year-old boy expressed it, "distributing day." To their parents it is no longer a celebration exclusively for children. No one said this time, "We came for the children." Christmas is now for all a religious fête, filled with the precious memory of the Savior's love. One of our friends, formerly anti-religious and a communist, expressed the idea in this way: "By all means close with a prayer. Every one should be reminded that we can talk to Christ, for He saved me and He can save them, too."

Nearly all of our friends had insisted that our "fête de Noël" be distinctly religious in character. One woman said, "We must show them that Christ is the true Savior, and we must tell them about His life, laying stress on the circumstances of His birth."

At the close of a Study Circle session in November, we mentioned the Christmas tree, and explained our financial difficulties and their effect on the fête. Spontaneously and simply, all insisted that Christmas must not be neglected. One man immediately offered 400 francs. The gifts of the others were more modest, but all made some contribution, if only cakes, linens or toys. The Boy Scouts co-operated, too. "We had to do something for Jesus," one of them declared.

The helpfulness of our friends and their devotion to the work was a precious encouragement to us, and the

year 1931, though filled with anxieties, was terminated with God's blessing.

Watch Night, a few days later, was marked by a spirit of brotherhood. Motion pictures, songs, etc., gave joy and relaxation to the audience. Toward the close of the evening a member of the Circle came to me with this request: "Will you have us sing 'We Labor with Content'? The year is almost ended, but another is commencing. Let this be a call to God's work."

Shortly after, a woman suffering from a fatal disease, and knowing that death was near, said to me, "I wanted to finish the year with you and commence it with you for the last time on earth."

God has reached many hearts and has given them peace, joy and the assurance of eternal life.

R. LEGOFF.

LA BIENVENUE

Christmas! A day of feast and joy, made possible each year by the generosity of faithful friends!

This year, however, came the sad news that these friends were unable to send what they would like to contribute. Yet without this money we would have to decorate a tree, entertain the children and maintain the tradition of joy.

Accordingly, we proposed to the parents that they do something for their children, and a fête was agreed upon. In view of shortened hours of work, it was a sacrifice for them to pay admission, but they came. One

workman who had had three children baptized in the last three years, slipped by the collection box quickly to avoid receiving change from his 25 francs as well as to escape thanks. Each one put his heart into his contribution, for in spite of widespread unemployment they wanted the children to have their Christmas. The receipts from the workmen alone amounted to 500 francs. This was half the necessary sum, but such was its spiritual value that we felt rich enough to prepare for a fine celebration.

A neighboring church provided a tree, which was erected by a workman and some Boy Scouts and decorated by Y.W.C.A. girls.

When four o'clock came the hall was not overflowing with a curious crowd of strangers, but it was well filled with families in the habit of attending our meetings and proud to see a tree which was partly the fruit of their efforts. In the candle light we listened to a program of choruses, dialogues and songs. Then the boys and girls recited verses of the birth of the Holy Child. Several among them who the year before had absolutely refused to learn were now proud to be able to recite a few lines. M. Chastand related an interesting story, and Christmas pictures were projected on the screen while the young girls sang of the Holy Night.

When these children came the next day to look discreetly for their modest presents, one child brought a friend with him. "Here is a new boy," he said. "He came to be enrolled!"

We find encouragement in seeing, from Christmas to Christmas, better disciplined young people, more understanding faces, happier expressions. La Bienvenue is becoming one great family, and Christmas is really a family fête.

MAURICE LEENHARDT.

ROUBAIX

At the Solidarité of Roubaix the Christmas period was marked by great joy and an excellent spirit.

A Christmas Eve feast, organized by the Blue Cross, and held in the dining-room of the Solidarité, brought together 115 members. In accordance with their custom, numerous poor families were invited to the dinner, their meals being paid for by Blue Cross members. After the dinner, songs and recitations were enthusiastically applauded. A period of worship followed, with the angel's message, "Glory to God—peace on earth," as the topic.

This message was emblazoned on the front of the building every night from December 23 to 30, to be read by thousands of passers-by. We were glad to note the presence of several families indifferent or hostile to religion, but whose interest had been aroused by noon-time conversations in the restaurant.

On Christmas day the families of the Solidarité were invited to the service and the Christmas tree fête in the church.

A fête was held in the restaurant for the regular customers on December

26. It was not as successful as expected, for only forty adults and sixteen children participated — about a half of those already won over to the Gospel. The Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts enlivened the celebration consisting of Christmas stories and a talk on "The Perfection of Jesus' Character."

On Sunday, December 27, a very large and successful fête, in which 515 persons participated, was given in the large hall. In addition to the usual program of hymns and stories, the tale of "Father Martin" was told. This is the story of an old converted shoemaker who received from Jesus the promise of a visit on Christmas day. He watched the streets for a sign of Jesus, but saw only poor and sick men whom he invited in to warm themselves and to whom he gave what he was able. When evening came the shoemaker was bemoaning the fact that Jesus had not come, when all the poor men and the beggars whom he had helped rushed into his shop crying, "Did you not see Me?" and one of them read from the Gospel Christ's promise: "What you have done for these little ones, you have done for Me."

On Monday the twenty-eighth I presented the Gospel message at a gathering around the tree at Herseaux, on the very frontier. Eight families were present, either Catholic or indifferent to religion (one was communistic), and eleven children.

The next day the tree was lit once more for the mothers in the hope of

increasing the attendance of their meetings. M. Clavier, Professor of Theology, presented the message of Salvation to 42 women and children on this occasion.

The last of the cycle of Christmas activities was the fête for children on December 31. Large posters, reproducing a part of the angel's message, invited the children to participate. The Mystery of suffering mankind was given for the benefit of the 250 boys and girls present, and pictures of Christmas night were projected.

We estimate that this year from 450 to 500 children were given food, as well as about 40 Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, 15 poor families and 45 mothers, totaling 650 persons. Eighty-five children received a gift or a book; 115 persons participated in the Christmas Eve supper; 120 vacation school children came at least once; and 450 adults took part in the fêtes.

The expenses for Christmas celebrations amounted to 1,672 francs (about \$67.00), of which 636 francs were furnished by the Mission Populaire and the remainder by the members of the Solidarité, and a few outside friends.

D. CHÉRADAME.

ST. ETIENNE

This year's Christmas fête raised a difficult financial question. With the present trying situation and the multiplicity of collections, we were anxious to raise the necessary funds in our own midst. Thus, from our first two winter lectures we netted 182.65 francs, and a few individuals raised the total to

269.05. You may well believe that a gift of 375 francs from the Brooklyn Auxiliary was most welcome.

This money covered all of our expenses, except for the toys and refreshments which were donated by friends.

For the most part the toys offered to the children had belonged to Protestant girls and boys. A stroke of the brush here and a tap of the hammer there made these playthings look quite attractive. In the history of Christmas at St. Etienne the children never received such voluminous packages as they did this year, in spite of the financial depression.

We distributed fifty gifts to the children and ten to some of our helpers (one man and nine girls). Each family represented received an almanac and all of the children were given an orange, a cake and some candy.

The attendance was estimated at 200, including children, and many were standing in all parts of the hall.

Warm clothing was very much appreciated. In addition to garments sent us recently, we had some left from last year. We presented a good bundle to a family of four children, one of whom I had seen a few days before, shivering in a wretched hovel, heated only by the few remaining embers of a small kitchen stove.

The daughter of a poor working woman expressed her gratitude on leaving by kissing us on both cheeks.

The progress of the fête was serene and the spirit of Christmas was in all our hearts.

After the tree was lit all joined in singing "Great God, We Thank Thee," and listened to a reading of the Christmas story. A blind singer sang two charming solos. The children sang three hymns, gave recitations, and executed three lovely rhythmic dances by Dalcroze.

M. Paul Verron, a faithful friend of the Mission, related the history of our Christmas tree, which had come from the upper Loire, and following this a group of girls sang some pretty selections.

PIERRE JACOT.

ST. QUENTIN-CAMBRAI

From one year to another the "fête de Noël" would vary little and would run the risk of monotony, if there were not behind it the invisible force of real hope. The blessed memory of the Prince of Peace fills our hearts with a joy which is ever new.

This year again we fixed our eyes on the lights of the fir tree, as the Wisemen watched the star guiding them to the cradle in Bethlehem.

The little children were the first to frolic around the tree, on Sunday, December 20. We had told them that Santa Claus was out of work this year and probably would not come to us. We observed many anxious faces, for without this traditional visit, it would not be a real "Noël" at all! The 166 children present (about 40 others were attending a lay school party) listened absent-mindedly to a tale, while they wondered whether or not Santa Claus should appear. At length he arrived,

and was greeted with shouts of approval. Through the generosity of a few very kind friends, each child was presented with a gift, and their expressions of joy were in themselves a sign of sincere gratitude to the givers.

On Tuesday the twenty-second it was the young men's turn to sing with enthusiasm around the tree, and to enjoy a cup of chocolate with biscuits. Each of the 21 present received a useful gift. The young girls celebrated the next day.

Thursday brought together the members of the "Cercle Familial," consisting of 67 mothers and fathers. All were grateful for a lively evening and for the presents received.

The Blue Cross celebrated Christmas on Saturday, in a warm Christian atmosphere. Thirty-eight members gathered to pass together an hour of humility and hope.

Thank God for that splendid week! In spite of the crisis we are passing through, He did not wish a single child to be disappointed or distressed. He has taught us a lesson of trust once more; may each one of us profit by it for the advancement of the Kingdom.

MARCEL PAYOT.

LA VILLETTÉ

Nothing for Christmas! We could scarcely believe our ears. The children would be disappointed, unhappy, and, in fact, Christmas would not be Christmas. The situation could be explained to the older boys and girls but the little ones would not understand.

However, we felt that the Savior would again give us the means of celebrating His anniversary by giving joy. We determined to make sacrifice the foundation of this joy, as He did, and this would make it all the keener.

The Boy Scouts were called upon for co-operation, and good Christian friends were solicited. Oranges, candy and toys were promised. A tree and playthings for the older children were still needed, however.

We knocked at the door of a friendly church to ask for a tree for a certain day. At the appointed hour we found no tree. Instead we saw only a crib, but what a pretty one! It was impossible, however, to carry it off, for a hundred fine toys were in store for us. Once more the Savior gave us more than we asked.

The pastor added a gift for the purchase of a tree and at two o'clock in the afternoon everything was ready. Once more the Christmas lights shone, even for the mothers this year.

Gratitude, joy and happiness. These words sum up the Christmas of 1931. We are very thankful to those who gave, and above all to our Savior who never fails us.

L. PREVOST-BROUILLET.

ST. NAZaire

In the large hall of the Grand Hotel in St. Nazaire the manager of the establishment received us with expressions of his delight in contributing to the success of our fête. The Boy Scouts and their leader brought the tree which the pacifist Germans and Danes of Nantes and St. Nazaire had

kindly offered us, together with the necessary decorations.

At four-thirty the door was opened. The first children to arrive — those who had not had any "Noël" at home — shouted with joy. These youngsters were followed by old men dressed in neat but well-worn clothes. Then the crowd of boys and girls with their parents poured in. Four hundred children and adults were there, and who knows how many more could not squeeze in?

An hour later the tree was lit by three Boy Scouts, and it seemed to sparkle with joy as 120 children, with their eyes fixed on the tree, sang "My Beautiful Fir Tree."

Folk dances, poems, short plays and a series of tableaux by the Boy Scouts and the Guides were vigorously applauded.

The second half of the program, however, was the essential part of the occasion. After the young people sang, the Gospel message was read to an attentive audience. The traditional story and songs by the young girls and children were followed by a charming piano and violin selection. Then the time came for the distribution of oranges, toys, books and almanacs, and, thanks to the co-operation of the Boy Scouts, this was accomplished in perfect order. At length the audience rose while the children, with eyes closed and hands clasped, repeated the Lord's Prayer in unison.

For all the friends of the Fraternité this had been an evening of enlightenment and peace.

M. LEBERRE.

THE ZONE

Christmas at the Zone would have slipped by almost unnoticed had it not been for the efforts of the roulette (van) of the Mission Populaire. Though it is a very small vehicle (we hope it will soon be too small) the children love to visit it. The casual observer would quickly notice that some progress has been made in regularity, attention and cleanliness.

Since the van was scarcely large enough to contain the 50 regular children and the 80 others enrolled whom we expected to invite, we had to find a suitable place for our fête. After many fruitless searches, a tradesman, a total stranger to us, agreed to lend us a large wooden shed and he even added a contribution "for our good work."

What joy for all when the children knew that they could bring their little sisters and brothers with them!

Thanks to the efforts of some of our friends, on Christmas Eve nearly 150 bundles of clothing were distributed.

Raymonde, a newcomer to the Zone, looked downcast, and pointing to a very small bundle, said, "No doubt that's mine!" She was overjoyed to find that hers was not very small. Only two days before her "man," in a burst of temper, had broken up the little wagon which served as her shelter and had also torn her dresses.

On Christmas day fifteen of these children were invited to a Christmas fête in Paris. Dressing with unusual care, they left the Zone in the subway,

and returned later with a magnificent toy as well as many things to relate to their friends and parents.

The fête on December 28 was awaited with feverish anticipation. It was a stirring moment when the doors were thrown open so that all could view the illuminated tree and the dazzling decorations.

Strenuous efforts were made to discover the whereabouts of the Christmas packages!

Here where few could read, it was a novelty to hear the Christmas story related by two children. After a few violin selections, M. Chastand, wishing to take an active part in the fête, related an interesting story to the audience. A quartet, recitation of poetry, explanations of the meaning of Christmas, songs and a prayer followed. Then came the most important part of the fête to these 250 children and grown-ups—the distribution of gifts. The children were happy to receive a package containing a cake, an orange and a few bonbons.

"Thanks to you, my daughter has learned the meaning of a fête," said Suzanne's father. "There is so much mud on my galoshes that their color is concealed. I needed them so badly," Raymonde told us.

We are grateful to our dear friends who gave their efforts, their time and their money to aid in the success of our Christmas. May they hear the voice of the Master saying to them, "What you have done for one of these little children you have done for Me."

C. HUGUET.

Just Among Ourselves

News of McAll Groups Here and There

BELVIDERE

The 41st annual meeting of the Auxiliary was held, Saturday, February 6, in the lecture room of the First Presbyterian Church. Mrs. Annie B. T. Cummins, president, was in the chair.

The following officers were elected for the year 1932-33: President, Mrs. Annie Blair Titman Cummins; first vice-president, Mrs. George A. Angle; second vice-president, Mrs. Lloyd E. Ritter; third vice-president, Mrs. William C. Albertson; fourth vice-president, Mrs. L. M. Van Blarcom; fifth vice-president, Mrs. Elizabeth Burd; recording secretary, Mrs. Milton J. Craig; corresponding secretary, Mrs. T. K. Bennett; treasurer, Miss Charlotte C. Ketcham; publicity committee, Miss Stella McMurtie; managers, Miss Ida White, Mrs. Harry Vetter, Mrs. P. S. Yetter, Mrs. George Simerson, Mrs. George Walker.

Among the speakers were Mrs. Cummins, Miss Ruth Williams of the French department of the Belvidere High School, Mrs. Ewart G. Davies, vice-president of the American McAll Association, and Miss Elizabeth Congdon, Associate Field Representative.

Music for the event was contributed by Mrs. William C. Albertson, and a trio consisting of Miss Elizabeth Schoch, Mrs. Lloyd Ritter and Mrs.

L. Morton Hartung, with Mrs. Frank Hurd as accompanist.

The Auxiliary elected five delegates for representation at the annual meeting of the Association in April.

BOSTON

From Miss Ida M. Mitchell, president, come the following items:

A bridge party in the club room of the Salada Tea Company, January 11, netted the sum of \$125.00 for the Auxiliary pledge.

At the invitation of the Foreign Missionary Society, the Auxiliary met, January 14, at the Leydon Church, Brookline. Miss Alfrieda Mosher, in an address, "Christ in France," dwelt on the activities of the Mission Populaire. The pastor, Rev. Robert Wood Coe, was a guest of the luncheon which followed the meeting.

The February meeting was an all-day event devoted to sewing. Twenty layettes were completed for shipment to France. Luncheon was served by the women of the Brookline Baptist Church.

Plans are under way for the annual meeting and luncheon in March in the ball room of the Women's Republican Club. Speakers for this event include Mrs. Helen M. Craig and Mrs. Andrew W. George. French songs will be sung by pupils, in costume, of Miss May's school.

BUFFALO

Mrs. George E. Dorland contributes a description of the "Founders' Birthday Tea Party" skillfully staged by the Senior, Junior, Student and Children's Groups, January 16, in celebration of the sixtieth anniversary of the founding of the Mission.

"The doors of the stage were thrown back on a softly lighted room with a tea table set with tea service, candles, American and French flags and crowning the center a brilliantly lighted birthday cake in honor of the occasion. The presidents of the Senior and Junior groups received the guests who followed in quick succession. These women were ladies of long ago, for the year 1872 was in memory and costumes of that period were in evidence. From old chests and trunks came a wealth of silk dresses, dolmans, lace shawls, mitts, fans, parasols and bonnets. It was difficult to recognize the Executive Board and officers in all of these furbelows of the past. They seemed like prints from the pages of Godey's Ladies Book.

"The characters of Mrs. McAll and Miss Beach were impersonated and these women told of the beginnings of the work in Paris and New Haven. The Buffalo activities were reviewed from the early days of the Auxiliary, continuing with the growth of the Junior, Student and Children's organizations.

"The playlet told its full story in picturesque sequence marking truth and reality under the fiction of the parts played. Sixty years of McAll!

May the work live on sixty more years and as long beyond as there is need."

The March open meeting of the Auxiliary is to be held in the adjoining town of Tonawanda, in which a lively interest in McAll has been stirred.

EASTON

The latest McAll pictures were shown at a Vesper Service at the Easton Y. W. C. A. on the first Sunday afternoon in February. Mrs. Stanley D. Howell, chairman of the Religious Education Department of the Y. W. C. A. and an active member of the McAll Auxiliary arranged the meeting which proved of real interest to the large number in attendance.

Miss Elizabeth Congdon, of Philadelphia, associate field representative of the American McAll Association, spoke of the work in the various stations in France as the moving pictures were shown, giving also a brief history of the organization.

The meeting was in the interest of World Fellowship, and served a double purpose, interesting friends in the program of both McAll and the Y. W. C. A. A program of music and serving of tea added to the pleasure of the afternoon.

MAPLEWOOD, N. J.

At a sale, January 29, of articles made by the 32 children of the Maplewood Fram, in the parlor of the Prospect Street Church, the sum of \$40.00 was realized for the vacation colony fund.

The Fram children and their parents

renewed their acquaintance with the Field Representative, February 19, when the McAll film was shown.

MERIDEN

Members of the Auxiliary spent the day, January 22, with needle and thread at the home of Mrs. John G. Nagel, president. The completed garments were displayed as an exhibit at the annual reception, February 6, held in St. Andrew's Episcopal Church.

Junior group members are busy with material received from Mrs. Harry C. Kline, National Chairman of Sewing.

MINNEAPOLIS

We greatly enjoyed (Miss Williams contributes) the McAll film presented January 22 by the Field Representative. Some new comers were noted in spite of a reduced attendance due to a state conference of ministers. At a luncheon meeting the following day three churches, not actively enrolled in McAll work, were represented, as were a number of pastors, and secretaries of young people's societies. With the wide publicity given to these meetings we are looking forward to excellent results.

A feature of the first of the Auxiliary sewing meetings, February 5, was the display of a dozen or more garments contributed by two of our devoted members.

MONTCLAIR

We had a very interesting mid-winter meeting (Miss Ferris communicates) at which Mrs. Robert Christie, one of our own members, gave a col-

orful description of her visits to Mission stations last summer. We are "pegging along" with continued interest but with the difficulty, experienced by others, of raising money.

NEWARK

Members of the Newark Auxiliary (Mrs. Anthony writes) have retained Tuesday, March 15, as the date of the usual Spring event which, this year, will be a card party at the home of Mrs. Augustine E. Fiske, of Maplewood.

NEW BRITAIN

Owing to industrial conditions brought on by the present depression we thought best to put all our energies into one Fall meeting instead of encroaching on time needed for local relief. November 10 was advertised throughout the city as "McAll Day," notices being given through the churches, organizations and press. The program was of a three-fold nature: the morning was spent in sewing for relief work in France, a delightful luncheon at noon where we talked over informally the various phases of McAll work, with a brief business meeting following, in charge of our president, Mrs. James North. The afternoon session was thrown open to the public when the Field Representative presented the film, "Sunshine and Shadow in France." The general atmosphere of the meeting showed a renewed friendly interest in McAll work, some new contacts were made, and under the enthusiastic guidance of Miss Cornelia Chamberlain many practical new gar-

ments were completed to send to France. Our pledge for the fiscal year ending March 1932 has been fully met. We shared with other societies in the Day of Prayer for Missions.

JENNIE E. WESSEL, *Secretary.*

NEW YORK CITY

Sixty-seven members and guests attended the annual luncheon of the Auxiliary at the Studio Club, January 13.

Miss Boice, chairman of the Executive Committee, read a letter of greeting from Rev. Wilfred Monod, pastor of the Oratoire du Louvre, Paris. (*The complete text of the letter appears in this issue of the Record.*)

Speakers included Mrs. Finley Shepard, who dwelt on some modern phases of harmful propaganda; Miss Margaret Applegarth, who recounted early memories of McAll work in France, and Mons. Malan, who spoke of changes of life in present-day France and of the value of the Mission Populaire in the social order. Mons. Malan is a son of the director of the Mission station at Nemours.

The many friends of Mrs. Reginald S. McAll, now in a sanatorium in East Aurora, N. Y., will be glad to know that she is improving daily in health.

PHILADELPHIA

Mrs. John F. Keator entertained the managers of the Auxiliary in her Germantown home, February 2, with tea and a message from the Associate Field Representative.

Mrs. H. T. Montgomery, treasurer, reports a steady growth in contribu-

tions for the memorial which shall perpetuate the affection felt for Minnie C. LeBoutillier by all those whose privilege it was to know her.

ROCHESTER

Miss Julia Little, corresponding secretary of the Auxiliary, reports the January activities as follows:

The Rochester Auxiliary was visited, January 10 and 11, by the Field Representative. On Sunday, he spoke and presented the McAll film to four different groups: the Sunday school of the Third Presbyterian Church; the vesper service of the Y. W. C. A.; a young people's meeting at the Universalist Church (including a number from other churches), and the regular evening service at the Calvary Baptist Church.

On Monday, the eleventh, Mrs. W. W. Chapin opened her beautiful home for the open meeting of the Auxiliary. Thanks to suggestions made by Miss Congdon, an audience of about 250 women, many from churches never before represented at our meetings, witnessed the presentation of "Sunshine and Shadow in France," preceded by organ music played by Mrs. Chapin's son, and a short address by Dr. Nixon, pastor of the Brick Presbyterian Church.

Following the meeting, Mrs. Chapin's hospitality included a social hour during which coffee and sherbet were served.

ST. PAUL

The presentation of the McAll film at the vesper service of the House of

Hope Church, January 24, brought out an audience of about 200 young people and older members of the congregation. After the screen showing of McAll activities, the pastor, Dr. Henry C. Swearingen, added a short talk on the debt American Protestantism owes to Calvin and to the French Protestants who have clung tenaciously to the teachings of the great religious leader.

TROY

This winter (writes Mrs. L. Burton Schneider) our president, Mrs. E. H. Betts, is abroad with Mr. Betts, who has been sent to India and China on a special mission. It is expected that France and the Mission Populaire will be included in their itinerary.

The annual dollar luncheon, planned for May by the acting president, Mrs. J. E. Anthony, will be carried out in the same cordial spirit as that of last year, when a substantial sum was realized for our contingent fund.

WASHINGTON

At the January meeting of the Auxiliary (Miss Elizabeth Carhart reports), one of its members, Miss Ellen A. Vinton, spoke of her recent visits to McAll stations which included Neimours, Rouen, Coqueréaumont, Arcueil, and la Bienvenue.

In her remarks concerning French character, Miss Vinton said, "As one watches the lives of French people, the small shop-keepers and salaried persons, one is impressed with their sanity and poise. They live a refined, contented life on a much smaller income than similar people in America.

This is not because prices are much less but because of their industry and thrift. The mother of my French orphan has an income of \$80 from her salary and from her pension on which to support herself and to keep her boy in a technical school in another city.

"The cultured middle class have small incomes and sometimes travel in shabby clothes. Their lives do not consist of the things which they possess. Their culture is of the soul and of the mind. They love beauty, orderliness and courtesy. They seem prosperous because they are thrifty."



Mission Week

FACED with one of the most difficult years of its existence, the Mission has resolutely turned its attention both to drastic cuts in expenditure and to methods of securing financial aid from those who are served in its stations.

In the latter field of endeavor, *La Semaine de la Mission* (Mission Week) has been suggested to each station for organization at a propitious time.

First to respond was Rev. Bertrand, director of the Foyer of Grenelle. From collections taken at each meeting during the advertised period, the sum of 1157 francs was secured for the general fund.

Mission Week constitutes, says the Director General, an educational effort which will tend to establish the responsibility of those who benefit from the activities of the Mission.

Receipts of the American McAll Association from Auxiliaries and Churches

December 4, 1931 - February 4, 1932 — \$7,763.92

CONNECTICUT, \$1,746.50		PENNSYLVANIA, \$1,095.75	
Hartford Auxiliary	\$ 716.50	Easton Auxiliary	\$ 100.00
Meriden Junior Auxiliary.....	15.00	Philadelphia Auxiliary	865.75
New Britain Auxiliary.....	236.00	Warren, Hutchinson Bible Class.....	10.00
New Britain, First Church Sunday School, Beginners' and Primary De- partments	10.00	West Chester Auxiliary.....	100.00
New Haven Auxiliary.....	744.00	Wilkes-Barre Auxiliary	20.00
New Haven, A Friend.....	25.00		
NEW JERSEY, \$1,082.00		MASSACHUSETTS, \$341.00	
Elizabeth Auxiliary	\$ 27.50	Boston Auxiliary	\$ 210.00
Maplewood Fram	18.00	Lexington	42.00
Montclair Auxiliary	211.00	Northampton Auxiliary	35.00
Newark Auxiliary	118.00	Pittsfield Auxiliary	36.00
New Brunswick Auxiliary.....	25.00	Springfield Auxiliary	18.00
Auxiliary of the Oranges.....	515.50		
Plainfield Auxiliary	167.00		
NEW YORK, \$2,198.46		DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, \$157.00	
Albany	\$.50	Washington Auxiliary	\$ 157.00
Brooklyn Auxiliary	187.00		
Buffalo Auxiliary	161.00		
Buffalo Junior Auxiliary.....	18.00		
Ithaca Circle	30.96		
Larchmont Auxiliary	62.00		
New York Auxiliary	1,057.00		
New York, A Friend.....	200.00		
Rochester Auxiliary	157.00		
Troy Auxiliary	301.00		
Troy Fram	24.00		
MICHIGAN, \$347.00		MINNESOTA, \$125.00	
Detroit Auxiliary		Minneapolis Auxiliary	\$ 125.00
DELAWARE, \$41.00		MARYLAND, \$2.00	
Wilmington Auxiliary		Baltimore Fram	\$ 2.00
FLORIDA, \$36.00		MICHIGAN, \$347.00	
Gainesville		Detroit Auxiliary	\$ 347.00
MISCELLANEOUS		DELAWARE, \$41.00	
Per Anonymous		Wilmington Auxiliary	\$ 41.00
Per C. G. Bittner.....		Gainesville	\$ 36.00
Per Sale Christmas Cards.....			
			\$ 537.90

MARCH

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This is the month to check your list of friends who are contributors to McAll.

No better month than this to get new Auxiliary members.

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